

Rewind and reflect

THE
**OTHER
SIDE**

Episode 11



Summary

We spend so much time making our homes in this world as comfortable as possible, decorating, expanding, and ensuring every little detail is just right. But what about the home we will live in forever? The grave is the first glimpse of what awaits us in the hereafter. For the believer, it is spacious, filled with light, and offers a preview of the gardens of Jannah. But for the one who neglected their true purpose, it is constricting, dark, and a place of torment. The way we live now determines what we experience the moment we leave this world. Death is not the end; it is the transition to the real home we are building with every deed we do. If we truly understood how short this life is, we would shift our focus from material comforts to preparing for what comes next. Because when the time comes, the only home that will matter is the one we have prepared in the hereafter.

Discussion questions

What can you do to balance working towards success in this world (school, friendships, hobbies) while also making sure you're preparing for the afterlife? Are they mutually exclusive?

Application

Apply what you watched in a concrete way to help deepen your understanding.

What are some specific steps you can take today to build a strong foundation for your "home" in the hereafter? How can you incorporate good deeds or reminders of our return to Allah into your daily routine?

Storyline connection

Think about the imagery of Anwar feeling uneasy in his office. Connect this imagery to what happens to a soul when it disconnects from Allah and what they may find in their graves.

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Gather family and friends.
2. Watch **The Other Side, Episode 11**.
3. Read through this guide and discuss the questions provided.
4. Reflect, and grow together in faith.
5. Repeat for **all 30 episodes**.

HISTORICAL FIGURES/EVENTS

Abu Ayyub al-Ansari

When the Prophet ﷺ arrived in Medina, the entire city wanted to host him. But his camel, guided by Allah, stopped at the house of Abu Ayyub al-Ansari رضي الله عنه. He was a man whose love for the Prophet ﷺ knew no limits. He didn't just open his home, he gave the Prophet ﷺ the best of what he had, choosing to sleep downstairs while the Messenger of Allah ﷺ stayed above.

Even in old age, he longed to serve Islam, and when the Muslims marched toward Constantinople, he joined them, believing in the Prophet's ﷺ promise that the city would one day be conquered. Centuries later, when the Ottomans entered the city, they honored him, building the Eyüp Sultan Mosque near where he is buried to this day. His grave is reminder of devotion, sacrifice, and the certainty of the Prophet's ﷺ words. Abu Ayyub didn't just host the Messenger of Allah ﷺ, he carried his mission to the very end.

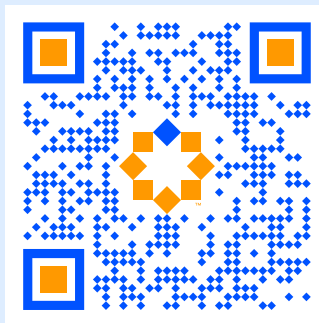
Activity

The Messenger of Allah ﷺ said, “I met Ibrahim عليه السلام on the Night of Ascension (*al-Isra*), and he said to me: ‘O Muhammad, convey my greetings to your Ummah, and tell them that Jannah has a vast plain of pure soil and sweet water. It is a plain levelled land. The plants grow there by uttering: *SubhanAllah, alhamdulillah, la ilaha illa Allah* and *Allahu Akbar* (Allah is free from imperfection; praise be to Allah; there is no true god except Allah; and Allah is Greatest).” [At-Tirmidhi]

- 1 Start creating your landscape for your home in the hereafter by implementing the *adhkar* mentioned in the *hadith*. Grow your plants and make your landscape beautiful through the remembrance of Allah.
- 2 Alternatively, commit to a small, consistent act of charity. For example, drop \$1 in the *sadaqah* box each time you visit the *masjid*, or commit to \$5/week. Each time you give *sadaqah*, view it as a deposit into your hereafter “bank”.

Learn more

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Parent tip

When discussing this topic with children, focus on the idea that meeting Allah is a beautiful and joyous reunion, like finally seeing a loved one after a long time apart. Explain that this life is a journey where we try our best to be kind, do good deeds, and prepare for that special day. Reassure them that Allah is the Most Loving and the Most Merciful, and He wants us to live in a way that brings us happiness in this world and the next.

References

The Prophet ﷺ said, “Verily, when one of you dies, he is shown his place both in the morning and in the evening. If he is one of the people of Paradise, he is shown his place in it. And if he is among the inhabitants of the Hellfire, he is shown his place in it. It will be said: ‘This is your place until you are raised on the Day of Resurrection.’” [Sahih al-Bukhari #1379 and Sahih Muslim #2866]

When the angels take the souls of those who have wronged themselves, they ask them, “What circumstances were you in?” They reply, “We were oppressed in this land,” and the angels say, “But was God’s Earth not spacious enough for you to migrate to some other place?” These people will have Hell as their refuge, an evil destination. [Qur’an, 4:97]

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